

## Paper 1, Question 3

Explain one way in which ideas about the treatment of disease were different in the 17th century from ideas in the 13th century. (4 marks)

### Exam tip

This answer should not be very long, but it does need to have specific information for each period. Try to identify a difference between the two periods, and then give a specific example for each one.

### Average answer

*Herbal remedies such as mint and camomile were very common. Then there were more chemical cures, although they still used herbal remedies as well.*

6<sup>th</sup>

This answer identifies treatments in each period. There is some recognition of difference by using the word 'then'. The answer does not specify periods, so is vague. It lacks supporting examples.

### Verdict

This is an average answer because the candidate has provided general comments about the difference in treatment between the two periods.

Use the feedback to rewrite this answer, making as many improvements as you can.

### Strong answer

*In the 13th century, many people were treated with herbal remedies. These were usually made with local plants and herbs such as mint and camomile. Recipes for these included theriaca, a popular remedy.*

*Although herbal remedies were still used in the 17th century, more materials were available due to increased overseas trading. New ingredients included nutmeg and cinnamon. There were also experiments with chemical cures, for example, the use of mercury to treat syphilis.*

10<sup>th</sup>

This answer describes treatments in both centuries. It gives specific examples of treatments used and explains what the difference is and what caused it, using the wider context of trade.

### Verdict

This is a strong answer because it features specific information about the topic to demonstrate the difference in treatments.